

### **Harnessing of Non-Conventional Energy Sources for Lighting purpose**

1799. DR. VISWANATHAM KANITHI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to harness non-conventional energy sources for lighting purpose in the far flung hamlets and groups of houses in Srikakulam district in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) Solar Photovoltaic systems have already been installed for street lighting in 56 unelectrified villages and hamlets of Srikakulam district in Andhra Pradesh. There is no further proposal for such installation in this district.

[Translation]

### **Bridge at Patna**

1800. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have conducted any survey for the construction of railway bridge over the river Ganga in Patna;

(b) if so, the results thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to start the work on this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The cost of the project has been assessed as Rs. 468 crores

with a negative rate of return. The work cannot be taken up at present due to acute resource crunch.

[English]

### **Irregular EMU Service in Kharagpur Division**

1801. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of unprecedented irregularities of Electric Multiple Unit service in Kharagpur division of South-Eastern Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) Punctuality of Electric Multiple Unit service in Kharagpur Division of South Eastern Railway during April, May and June 1991 averaged to 90.2, 90.3 and 87.2 respectively. A slight shortfall in punctuality in June 1991 was due to power failure and public agitation.

A close watch on running of these trains is kept.

[Translation]

### **Additional Ordinary Coaches in Long Distance Trains**

1802. SHRI RAM SHARAN YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for connecting ordinary coaches in long distance trains;

(b) whether the Government have any scheme to connect ordinary coaches in such trains in order to facilitate the journey of middle class/low income group's people;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d) Reserved accommodation is provided on long distant trains for journey in comfort including overnight rest for long distance passengers. However, a minimum of two second class ordinary coaches are attached for passengers without reservation on long distance trains with exception of Rajdhani, Shatabdi Express trains etc.

#### **Train Services on Bhatni-Varanasi Section**

1803. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to run additional trains on Bhatni-Varanasi section in view of density of passenger traffic; and

(b) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) There is no proposal at present to run any additional train on Bhatni-Varanasi section.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

#### **Employment to Victims of Peruman Rail Accident**

1804. SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether applications from the dependents of those government servants killed in the Peruman rail accident in July, 1988 for employment are still pending;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

#### **Development of Palaruvi Tourist Project, Kerala**

1805. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Kerala has submitted any proposal to the Union Government for development of Palaruvi project in Kottayam district, Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No such project has been received in this Ministry.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Tourism Plan for Karnataka**

1806. SHRI G. DEVARAYA NAIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal from the Government of Karnataka for approval and financial assistance to develop tourism centres in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of proposals that have been considered so far and the number of proposals that are pending with the Government.

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government of Karnataka have submitted proposals along with detailed estimates for financial assistance to upgrade 12 properties of the Karnataka Tourism Development Corporation and for publicity support, which are presently under consideration of the Central Government. No other proposal has been received from the Government of Karnataka.